taken against the persons found responsible; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). An enquiry was conducted by HAL which established this as a case of systems deficiency and no specific officer has been held responsible. Appropriate rectification action has been initiated by the Company.

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Selection to Defence Services

6078. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPLAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Air Force, Navy and Army the authorities insist on 70 per cent marks in SSLC Examination as minimum for selection to defence services instead of 60 per cent, 50 per cent and 45 per cent respectively being followed till recently as the criteria for selection for candidates belonging to Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Alappuzha Districts, while the percentage of marks prescribed for other districts are much less;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fix a uniform criteria for selection to these services?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The minimum qualifying marks required to be obtained at the SSLC/Matriculation Examination for applying for recruitment to the general/non-technical trades of the Defence Services are the same all over the country, as per details given below:-

(i) Soldiers (General Duty) - Pass percentage in the Army.

(ii) Sailors (Direct Entry Matriculates) - 55% in the Navy

(However, for the sons/brothers of Naval personnel the qualifying marks are 45%)

(iii) Airmen (Non-technical) in the Air Force - 45%

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The criteria are followed uniformly, throughout the country.

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Excise Duty Received From M/s. I.T.C. Limited, Monghyr

6079. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central revenue in the form of excise duty earned by the Union Government from I.T.C Limited, Monghyr, Bihar every year;

(b) whether ten per cent of the Central revenue earned from a city is spent on its development; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not spending this amount on the development of Monghyr city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The amount of Central Excise duty earned by the Union Government from M/s. I.T.C. Limited, Monghyr, Bihar, for the last three years was as under:-